

Title 10, California Code of Regulations

Adopt Section 6422 to read:

Section 6422: Qualified Health Plan (QHP) New Entrant Application for Plan Year 2015

The purpose of this section is to set forth the requirements for eligible applicants to request certification as a Qualified Health Plan for the Plan Year 2015 for the individual Exchange and for the SHOP Exchange. Applicants must complete the Qualified Health Plan(QHP) New Entrant Application for Plan Year 2015 in order to request certification of its plan offerings as Qualified Health Plans for 2015 Plan Year. If an applicant meets the requirements for certification and Covered California, in its sole discretion, determines that additional Qualified Health Plans proposed by the applicant meet the requirements and are necessary, some or all of that applicant's proposed plans may be certified as Qualified Health Plans by Covered California for the Plan Year 2015. If an applicant fails to meet the requirements for certification as a Qualified Health Plan for 2015 or if Covered California, in its sole discretion, determines that the applicant's offerings are not necessary in a given geographic service area, Covered California may decline to certify some or all of the applicant's proposed plans for 2015.

(a) The definitions included in 10 CCR 6410 shall govern this section. Any other applicable terms not defined in Section 6410 are defined in subdivision (e).

(b) Applicants eligible to complete the Qualified Health Plan New Entrant Application for Plan Year 2015 to be certified to participate in the Individual Exchange in 2015 are limited to entities below:

1)Health issuers who received their license or certificate of authority to offer, market or sell health insurance or a health plan from a California state regulator after August 2012; or

2) Medi-Cal Managed Care Plan (MMCP): An entity contracting with the Department of Health Care Services to provide health care services to enrolled Medi-Cal beneficiaries under Chapter 7, commencing with Section 14000, or Chapter 8, commencing with Section 14200, of Division 9, Part 3, of the Welfare and Institutions Code.

(c) Applicants who are eligible to complete the Qualified Health Plan Issuer 2015 Renewal Application in subsection (e) for participation in the SHOP Exchange include any entity licensed to offer, market or sell small group health insurance in California.

(d) Submission Requirements: Entities eligible to apply for certification to participate in the Individual or SHOP Exchange must:

- (1) Submit a notice to Covered California indicating intent to request certification no later than 5:00 pm Pacific Time on March 17, 2014.
- (2) Complete the application in subdivision (e) and submit to Covered California in its entirety no later than 5:00 pm Pacific Time on May 1, 2014.

(e) Qualified Health Plan New Entrant Application for Plan Year 2015: Applicants who are eligible to complete the QHP Issuer New Entrant Application for Plan Year 2015 for participation in the Individual or SHOP Exchange must complete the following QHP Issuer New Entrant Application for Plan Year 2015.

[INSERT Qualified Health Plan New Entrant Application for Plan Year 2015 with Attachments HERE]

Authority: Government Code Section 100504, 100505

Reference Government Code Sections 1000502, 100503, 100504, 100505